import Policy. There is also a provision to recognise one State Corporation in each State as Export House in relaxation of the established criteria.

Operation of French dairy

1655. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have permitted a French dairy to manufacture and market its products in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when, the production would start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH): (a) to (c) M/s. Groupe Danone, France, hold a foreign collaboration approval granted on 26.8.96 to manufacture and market Danone's range of dairy and milk based products such as yogurt, yogurt drinks, yogurt snacks, dairy desserts and cheeses, except for SSI reserved items. In January 2002, the company has been permitted to increase foreign equity participation from 80% to 100%. The project is proposed to be located at Ambernath, Maharashtra, subject to locational policy. The revised approval is valid upto 25th August, 2003.

Impact to tobacco consumption on health

1656. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 26 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 26th February, 2002 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nearly eight lakh people become cancer patients every year and the one-third of them have cancer as a result of tobacco consumption;

(b) the impact of increased production of tobacco products on health in India and abroad; and